

Targeting Putin and New Year Celebrations... Western War Psychosis in Desperation Mode

Recent developments in the conflict involving the Kiev regime and its Western supporters suggest a level of cynicism that many observers find unprecedented. The following report examines the escalation of hostilities, the targeting of leadership and civilians, and the broader geopolitical implications as of early 2026.

Escalation and the Alleged Assassination Attempt

In late December 2025, a significant escalation occurred when Russia reported a large-scale drone attack on December 29th. According to Russian officials, this operation was a direct attempt by the NATO-backed regime to assassinate President Vladimir Putin. While Western political leaders and media outlets dismissed these claims as fabrications intended to disrupt peace negotiations, subsequent events have raised questions about those denials.

Incidents in the Kherson Region

The turn of the new year saw a series of violent incidents targeting civilian populations. On New Year's Eve, a drone strike hit the village of Khorly in the Kherson region. The attack targeted a hotel and cafe where families had gathered for celebrations, resulting in 24 civilian deaths and over 50 injuries. Reports indicate the use of incendiary explosives and a preliminary reconnaissance flight, suggesting the strike was a coordinated act rather than a random occurrence.

This was followed by another strike on New Year's Day in the same region. A family vehicle was targeted by a drone, resulting in the death of a five-year-old child and serious injuries to his mother and

grandparents. These events are part of a broader pattern of violence against ethnic Russian populations that critics argue dates back to the conflict's origins in the Donbass.

Discrepancies in International Media Coverage

There is a notable disparity in how international media reports on civilian casualties. While Russian military actions are subject to intense scrutiny, the deliberate targeting of Russian communities in regions such as Belgorod, Bryansk, Crimea, and Donetsk is often under-reported or framed in a way that minimizes the severity of the acts.

Critics argue that Western silence regarding these atrocities suggests a form of moral bankruptcy or complicity. By continuing to provide intelligence and high-end weaponry without condemnation of these strikes, Western sponsors appear to signal that civilian casualties on the Russian side are an acceptable consequence of the proxy war.

Infrastructure and Strategic Sabotage

The conflict has expanded beyond traditional military engagements to include significant infrastructure sabotage. Key examples include:

1. **The Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant:** Accusations persist that the regime is shelling the largest nuclear plant in Europe with Western-supplied missiles, while media narratives often suggest Russia is responsible for attacking a facility its own forces currently protect.
2. **Energy Pipelines:** The 2022 destruction of the Nord Stream pipeline is attributed by some to NATO forces. Furthermore, the Kiev regime has been accused of targeting the oil industries of European Union members, including Hungary, Romania, and Slovakia, with minimal pushback from EU leadership.

Economic and Geopolitical Consequences

The ongoing support for the NATO proxy war has resulted in the expenditure of hundreds of billions of dollars and euros. This financial drain, coupled with the failure to achieve primary military objectives, has left many Western states vulnerable to financial instability. Some analysts view the targeting of a nuclear power's head of state as a sign of desperation by warmongering factions who may be willing to risk a wider global conflict to save a failing strategy.

The Prospect of Diplomacy

Given the current climate of distrust, the feasibility of diplomatic negotiations remains low. From the Russian perspective, Western political leaders are viewed as unreliable partners who are fundamentally invested in the destruction of the Russian state.

While U.S. political figures, including Donald Trump, have spoken about pursuing peace, their records—such as support for military actions in Venezuela or Gaza—lead to skepticism regarding their true intentions. The prevailing view among those critical of the current Western policy is that genuine peace can only be achieved if the United States and Europe immediately cease the supply of weapons and intelligence to the current regime. Until such a shift occurs, the risk of continued violence and a potential descent into a broader world war remains high.